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REGULATE STORE HOURS -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 14 Feb 51

East Berlin shops are operating on a new time schedule. Food supply stores are open daily from 0800 - 1300 and from 1500 - 1900 hours, including Thursday afternoons. On Saturdays, the stores are now open for business continuously.

Bakeries and shops dispensing milk must open at 0700 hours; they may open as early as 0530 hours, and business hours from 1300 - 1500 are optional. All other stores are open on weekdays from 0900 - 1300 and from 1500 - 1900 hours and on Saturdays from 0900 - 1900 hours, without interruption, if so desired.

Store hours from 0700 are optional for tobacco and barber shops. Printed matter may be sold at all hours. Small dealers may obtain permission to extend their business hours. A schedule of business hours must be posted in each store.

REORGANIZE HO TRADE ORGANIZATION -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 24 Feb 51

The HO (Trade Organization) has been dissolved by the government of the German Democratic Republic, effective 1 January 1951. In its place, four independent organizations have been set up for the people-owned retail trades, namely HO Warehouse, HO Food Supplies, HO Industrial Goods, and HO Hotels and Restaurants.

These four independent organizations are directly subordinate to the Central Division for Retail Trade, which was created within the Ministry of Trade and Supply.

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DECREE PRICE FREEZE -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 14 Feb 51

On 8 February 1951, the German Democratic Republic passed a decree which fixed prices in effect on 31 August 1950. They may not be raised, although wages and salaries have increased.

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